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MARCH 3, 1948 12:30 P. M.

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TWO TOP CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL YEARS'

ASSIGNMENT TO THE FAR EAST AND INDIA ..

WELDOM JAMES OF COLLIER'S

JAMES HAS BEEN IN THE FAR EAST ON COVERAGE OF JAPAN, AND INDIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND CAME HOME BY WAY OF SOUTH AFRICA WHERE HE SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS. HE WAS IN CHINA AND SPAIN FOR U. P. AND WAS ABOARD THE "PANAY" WHEN THE JAPANESE SUNK THE SHIP.

WALT MASON OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MASON HAS BEEN STATIONED IN INDIA FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS FOR THE AP AND WAS IN JAPAN PREVIOUS TO THAT

SUBJECT: "ASSIGNMENT EAST"

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER ... THIS IS THE BIG OPC EVENT OF THE YEAR ... MARCH 16, 1948 ... AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA ... THREE TOP SPEAKERS ... FOUR AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ... THE OPC "WHO'S WHO IN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE NIGHT OF THE BANQUET.

There will be a meeting of the dinner committee on Thursday, March 4th, in the clubrooms at 5:30 P.M., according to John Daly, chairman. If any member has some extra time to lend a hand on the arrangements for the dinner, it would be appreciated.

Cortez Enloe, one of our members, will have the Assistant Postmaster General, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and the Surgeon of the U.S. Public Health Service among his guests. Some members who have taken tables are Herbert Bayard Swope, Gretta Palmer, Thomas W. Johnson, John Daly, George Kent of Reader's Digest, George Fielding Eliot, Richard Chaplin of Collier's, Elsa Maxwell, William Doerflinger of Dutton's, Wythe Williams and David P. Page, to whom the Committee is indebted for the acceptance of General Bradley to make a keynote speech.

LEO BRANHAM OF THE AP WAS HOST AT THE CLUB THIS WEEK.....

Charlotte Knight of Airforce Magazine leaves this week for the Far East..... She will have headquarters in Tokyo.

Albert Wilson, former A.P. foreign correspondent and now managing editor of "Pulp and Paper" has just completed a three week survey in Mexico for his magazine.

Marc Purdue of the Associated Press has been transferred from Singapore to Batavia..... John Evans of the AP bureau in Mexico has been having a vacation in the beautiful city of Cuernavaca.

Merrill "Red" Mueller of the London bureau of NBC is vacationing on the French Riviera.

Leslie Balogh Bain paid a visit to the office on Washington's birthday when much mailing of dinner invitations was taking place. Bain who lives in Florida is writing several books on Central America.

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Gwen Dew will be one of the principal speakers at the luncheon sponsored by Bim Pond, editor of Program magazine, at Town Hall on Saturday, February 28th. OPC members are invited to attend. Call Vanderbilt 6-0928 for reservations.

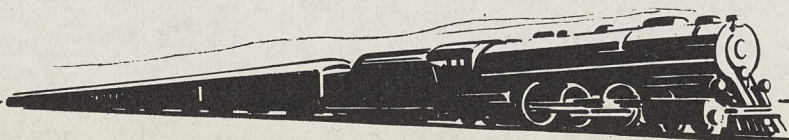
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There is a rumor that the Paris Herald will put out a French edition..... any basis for it, Geoff Parsons?

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Will Irwin, one of our venerated members, died on February 24th of a cerebral occlusion in St. Vincent's hospital. His age was 74. Mr. Irwin was one of the members of the club who made one glad to belong to it; he was "of the old school" and oh "so wise and gentle." His career started with the beginning of the century and was filled with journalistic exploits. Several years ago he wrote "The Making of a Reporter." He wrote several books in collaboration with another OPC member, Gelett Burgess and was the author of many literary works. A SALUTE, SIR, FROM COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS YOU SORELY.

Ivan Dmitri, famous photographer whose color shots have appeared principally in the Saturday Evening Post, has sailed to Europe for a five months tour of countries on the Mediterranean and Black Seas to produce a series of pictures for American Export Lines. Dmitri's recent book "Flight to Everywhere" is one of the most admired books in the club library.

Frank Miles will deliver the address at the annual Iowa southern California picnic at Los Angeles on February 28th at which 10,000 former Iowans will be present.

Edwin Muller of Reader's Digest is in France for several months gathering material for special articles for the magazine.

Sydney Mosely is en route to the United States on the U.S.S. America..... Sydney has spent the last months in Scandinavia, England and Europe.

J. P. McEvoy who has spent the summers of the last four years in Europe and the winters of those same years in Cuba and Latin America, is writing a column for McNaught as well as being roving editor for Reader's Digest.

Guy Hickok has just finished a lecture tour over the country. Titles of his talks were "What You Don't Know About a Police State" and "Our World or a Red World."

Spyrous Skouras is the General Chairman of the New York City American Overseas Aid and the United Nations Appeal for Children.

One of our members from the hinterlands of Idaho picked up a recent issue of the Bulletin to learn that some of our members are "journalistically proflitic"..... he asks... "Does this mean that they are secretly endorsing FLIT as opposed, for instance, to BUGABOO?" Aw, cut it out, pal.

Stanley Prenosil is the editor of the Theatre Business Review, a service written exclusively for members of the Theatre Owners of America. This Review has just been inaugurated and the first issue deals with Television, which is described as a challenge to motion picture exhibitors.

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Isaac Don Levine in his magazine "Plain Talk" for February writes that "the hour is ripe for setting up, under the jurisdiction of the UN, of a high international tribunal to try Hitler's Soviet partners, Stalin and Molotov and their associates of the Politburo, as aggressors."

Cipro Benedetti, representative of the Giornale della Sera of Rome here, has been informed that his brother, Tullio, who is the editor of the paper in Rome, was decorated recently by General Donovan for important service to the O.S.S. of the United States.

John O'Donnell, writing his column "Capitol Stuff" for the Daily News last week wrote that the Wallace party victory in the Bronx election had healthy and hilarious reactions in Washington.

Dickson Hartwell does a profile of Walter Winchell in the February 28th issue of Collier's and he calls the fastest talker on the air waves "An American Phenomenon."


Drew Middleton, writing from London in the N. Y. Times, points out that the removal of assets from Austria by the Russians undermines the negotiations for settlement of the problem of German assets in Austria.

Lewis Gannett, in his column "Books and Things" in the N. Y. Herald Tribune, reviewed the book "Henry Wallace" by Dwight MacDonald. Gannett writes that it would be easy to demonstrate that the author contradicts himself almost as often as Wallace himself has done.

News from the Frankfurt Press Club brings forth the fact that about thirty correspondents are residing there now with another thirty passing through every so often.... Gordon Gaskill of American Magazine is there..... Pat Conger's wife just had a baby (AP, Clinton B. to the trade)..... Toni Howard from Newsweek takes her dog along with her everywhere she goes. He is a Doberman... One night in the bar of the Press Club, the dog started licking up someone's drink and Toni reprimanded him in French..... the boys wondered..... Toni said the dog understood only French..... Bob Paige of UNRRA is reported to have said "That is ok..... I can bark in English."

The Frankfurt club just celebrated its first birthday last week with a huge party which was attended by all the brass, including General Clay..... At the opening last year, the boys had flowers sent up by plane from Italy and seafood flown down from Sweden..... Mike Casner, well known to many of our members as PRO for the Air Forces went out on the rescue plane a few weeks ago to find the plane which crashed near Istris, France and was killed when his plane cracked a wing circling over the crashed plane..... nine of the ten men in the plane were killed, including Casner.

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Gault MacGowan of the New York Sun has his headquarters in Heidelberg----he takes swings around Germany every so often.

Amy Vanderbilt looks very beautiful in her color pictures appearing in all the ads for Berkshire Fine Curtains.... she will outdo anyone else in the modelling business for the womens' magazines. An OPC member said it was something for Amy to be "draped."

MINOR SCOOP..... UNESCO has definitely voted to hold the next general assembly in Beirut, the Lebanon, but publication of that fact is being held up pending a committee report investigating the danger that the Lebanon might become involved in the Arab league tie-up... this news according to one of our members in Paris.

David Schoenbrun of the Columbia Broadcasting Company in Paris was decorated recently by the French Government with the Croix de Guerre with Star for combat action with the French First Army on the southern invasion and the liberation campaign. Dave was a GI sergeant in military intelligence.... The ceremony was held at the American Embassy, followed by a cocktail party thrown by General Joseph Tate, military attache.

About eighty five members and guests gathered at the club for cocktails on Wednesday, February 18th. Mrs. John Barkham was the hostess who brought lots and lots of good food. Bob Considine, President, presided. Among those present were Hal Boyle, Tom Mitchell of RCA, Ed Stout of Newsweek, Emil Reynolds, Gelett Burgess, John Chabot Smith of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, Bert Brandt of Acme, Eugene Lyons and Mrs. Lyons who were looking brown and fit from their trip to Florida, Barbara Wace of Kemsley, Eleanor Packard and so on and so on and so on.

Commander-in-Chief Ray Brannaman presented the club with the four volume edition of the Pictorial History of the Second World War published by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Commander was accompanied by several members of the local post of the VFW. Herbert Huston, publisher of the "Villager" was present and well known to many OPC members.

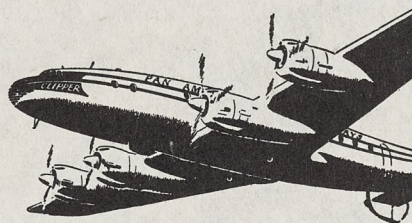
Brannaman stated that the VFW had endorsed the Voice of America broadcasts by the State Department and that they recommended that it be expanded. The Commander felt that the whole European recovery program could fail if our purposes were not fully explained to the nations who will receive our help.

The Chief of the VFW said that the task of the American press is a serious one and that it should impose its own regulations because we cannot think of having a controlled press in America. The VFW is supporting Universal Military Training as it has done for years and a Number One position in air power and the strengthening of all of the Armed Forces. Peace can be obtained only by being so strong that no other nation can hope to defeat us, according to Mr. Brannaman.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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